

HOUSE RESOLUTION 95  
By Dunn

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Knoxville West High School sophomore track sensation Christy Baird on a banner season.

WHEREAS, with a truly awesome display of superb harriership, track star Christy Baird, who is only a sophomore at West High School in Knoxville, has performed like a much more seasoned veteran, during her first two completed seasons; and

WHEREAS, during her freshman year of 1995-1996, Christy competed in the grueling three-mile race category and won the Region 2 cross-country championship, setting a course record of 18.43 minutes, and was runner-up at the Class AAA State Tournament with a blazing 18.15 minute mark and

WHEREAS, she also won the 1,600 -meter state title in track that season; and

WHEREAS, Christy's exceptional year was specially recognized when she was chosen KIL Runner of the Year and was selected as a member of the prestigious All-KIL Cross County Team; and

WHEREAS, during her memorable 1996-1997 record-shattering sophomore season, she won the Region 2 title with an enviable new mark of 17 minutes, 46 seconds, an incredible 27 seconds faster than her nearest opponent; and

WHEREAS, at the Karns Invitational Tournament, she won the 800 meter, 1,600 meter, and 3,200 meter events, breaking the meet records in each event; and

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WHEREAS, at the Volunteer Track Classic, Christy set a new record in the tough 1,600 meter event, with a notable 4:58.77 minute run; and

WHEREAS, she was honored with the Al Rovere Award as the Most Outstanding KIL girls' athlete at the Volunteer Track Classic; and

WHEREAS, Christy was also the state 1,600 meter track champion; and

WHEREAS, this season, she was chosen KIL Female Track Athlete of the Year, and a member of the All-KIL track team, and was the 1996 state champion in the three-mile cross-country category.; and

WHEREAS, this versatile student-athlete has an exemplary 3.91 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, she is the daughter of proud parents Jim and Karen Baird; their other children are Jeff, Debbie, and Jennifer; and

WHEREAS, the family are active members of the Holy Ghost Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially honor and commend this talented speedster, who excels as an athlete and serves admirably as a role model; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and congratulate Christy Baird on her many accomplishments as an athlete and a human being and wish her well in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this final clause deleted from such copy.